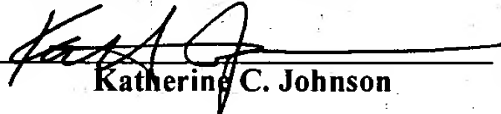




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In response to the Office Action mailed June 19, 2006, please enter the amendments and remarks provided below and reconsider the patent application in view thereof.

STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW

A telephonic interview was held with Examiner Fubara and Applicant's representative, Mr. P. Scott Smith on September 12, 2006. During the interview the scope of the pending claims were discussed. Specifically, possible amendments limiting the claim using the transitional phrases of "consisting essentially of" and "consisting of" were discussed. The requirements for support of each of the discussed transitional phrases were also discussed.

It was agreed that Applicant would file a response to the new office action including an amendment to claim 1 of either one of the discussed transitional phrases. Further it was agreed that any such amendment would be accompanied by support in the form of a declaration or support derived directly from the specification.